

State Board of Education - Virtual Charter School Implementation
Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
December 2, 2014

August 7, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S.L. 2014-100, Section 8.35, directed the State Board of Education to implement a virtual charter school pilot program for 2015-16
September 4, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Board of Education voted to approve an application, due date, rubric, and process to implement the virtual charter school pilot program. Applicants would not be charged the \$1000 application fee.• The State Board of Education also repealed its own virtual charter school policy to prevent confusion
October 10, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for virtual charter school pilot applications• Two applications were submitted prior to the established deadline
November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External evaluators began the application review process• Department of Public Instruction staff worked on the development of policy, funding, and oversight responsibilities necessary to implement the statutory components for the virtual charter school pilot. The results were shared with representatives from the virtual charter school pilot applications.
December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal review team will interview representatives from the applicant groups prior to making recommendations• State Board of Education will hear policy recommendations from DPI and have an opportunity for suggestions
January 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Board of Education will receive and discuss recommendations for the virtual charter school pilot program• State Board of Education will approve policy recommendations
February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Board of Education will vote to select the specific groups that will serve as the virtual charter school pilot programs. A specific Charter Agreement will be offered to the selected virtual charter school pilot applicants to encapsulate the necessary policy, funding, and oversight components for the virtual charter schools.
July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial funding will be distributed to the Pilot Programs if the General Assembly has ratified a Budget by July 15, 2015
August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual charter school pilots will open to serve students with a maximum of 1500 student per school